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**MOSES Urges Members to Testify
GIC annual public hearing
Wednesday, February 3rd at 12:30.**

Dear M.O.S.E.S Member,

As you may know, due to the Group Insurance Commission's (GIC) estimated deficit of \$35 million, the Commission voted on November 20, 2009, to increase your co-pays and deductibles effective February 1, 2010. **These changes affect all state employee and Non-Medicare retiree/survivor health plans.** The Group Insurance Commission will hold its annual public hearing on February 3rd, at 12:30pm, at the Charles F. Hurley Building, located at 19 Staniford Street in Boston, MA.

I strongly urge all M.O.S.E.S members to attend this hearing and protest against the unfair increases in medical costs for public sector workers. Don't sit back and take itACT NOW ! This is your opportunity to tell your personal story or express your concerns about just how the increases in deductibles and co-pays will affect your families' budget!

Benefit Changes Effective February 1, 2010:

Primary Care Physician Office Visit Copay: \$5 increase across all tiers.

Specialist Office Visit Copay: \$5 increase across all tiers.
Retail Clinic Copay: \$5 increase.
Physical Therapy, Chiropractic, Routine Eye Exam, Speech Therapy, and Occupational Therapy Copay: \$5 increase.
Outpatient Surgery Copay: \$10 increase - no increase for Fallon Select, Harvard Independence, and Tufts Navigator.
Hi-tech Imaging Copay (e.g., MRI, PET and CT scans): \$25 increase.
Emergency Room Copay: \$25 increase.
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Outpatient Visit Copay: \$5 increase.
New calendar year deductible of \$250 per member to a maximum of \$750 per family.

Again, I urge you to attend the GIC public hearing - Let your voice be heard! Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Dorant
President

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